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SUBJECT: THESSALONIKI POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS ORGANIZE

1. THESSALONIKI PRESS SEPT 5 CARRIES REPORTS OF MEETING OF 400 (SOME ACCOUNTS SAY 800) MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL'S STUDENT BODY PREVIOUS DAY. MEETING LARGELY ORGANIZATIONAL, ELECTING OFFICERS AND ELEVEN-MEMBER INTERIM COMMITTEE, AND SCHEDULING SUBSTANTIVE MEETING FOR SEPT 6.
2. HOWEVER MEETING ALSO HIT SOME POLITICAL NOTES, OUSTING TWO CORRESPONDENTS OF "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" AS "ORGAN OF BRIGADIER IOANNIDES", CONDEMNING FORMER STUDENT NEWSPAPER "FITITIS" AS "PAPER OF DICTATORSHIP", DISCUSSING WHETHER STUDENT MOVEMENT SHOULD BE JOINED TO LABOR MOVEMENT AND WHETHER POLITICAL SUBJECTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE STUDENT MEETINGS. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING IN "THESSALONIKI" PREVIOUS DAY STRESSED "MATURITY OF STUDENTS' S MOVEMENT" AND "NEED FOR MODERATION", WARNING AGAINST PROVOCATEURS AND EXTREMIST POSITIONS. ALSO NOTED THAT "COMMON ENEMY, JUNTA MACHINE, HAS NOT YET BEEN DISSOLVED". SIMILAR MEETINGS OF THREE OTHER UNIV SCHOOLS SET FOR SEPT 6.

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3. COMMENT: FOR PAST THREE WEEKS, "THESSALONIKI" HAS BEEN RUNNING SERIES OF ARTICLES ON STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS PROSECUTION OF "FITITIS" AS ILLEGAL PUBLICATION, EMERGENCE OF FORMERLY UNDERGROUND STUDENT PUBLICATION "THOURIOS" (WARRIOR), IMPROPER POLICE SURVEILLANCE OF STUDENT UNION LEADERS, AND NEED TO ABOLISH STUDENT "UNIONS OF DICTATORSHIP". PAPER ALSO SET FORTH PROGRAM FOR CONVENING "PRELIMINARY GENERAL MEETINGS" OF ANTI-JUNTA STUDENTS BY NOVEMBER 10, LEADING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLIES TO DRAFT FINAL CONSTITUTIONS AND ELECT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS BY END OF NEXT JANUARY. WITH RETURN TO CAMPUS OF BULK OF STUDENT BODY NEXT MONTH, TEMPO CAN BE EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE.
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